

## MISCELLANY

Items for the News column must be furnished by the twentieth of the preceding month. Under this department are grouped: News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and Twenty-five Years Ago. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

### NEWS

**The American College of Physicians in San Francisco in 1932.**—The American College of Physicians will hold its sixteenth annual clinical session at San Francisco, with headquarters at the Palace Hotel, April 4 to 8, 1932. Following the clinical session, a large percentage of the attendants will proceed to Los Angeles, where a program, principally of entertainment, will be furnished April 9, 10, and 11.

Announcement of the dates is made particularly with a view not only of apprising physicians generally of the meeting, but also to prevent conflicting dates with other societies that are now arranging their 1932 meetings.

Dr. S. Marx White of Minneapolis is president of the American College of Physicians, and will arrange the program of general sessions. Dr. William J. Kerr, professor of medicine at the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, is general chairman of local arrangements, and will be in charge of the program of clinics. Dr. Francis M. Pottenger of Monrovia is president-elect of the college, and will be in charge of the arrangements at Los Angeles. Mr. E. R. Loveland, executive secretary, 133-135 South Thirty-sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is in charge of general and business arrangements, and may be addressed concerning any feature of the forthcoming session.

**The Northern District Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Society** was organized on April 14, 1931. Physicians practicing this specialty and resident in the territory which extends from Merced and Vallejo on the south, to Chico on the north, are eligible for membership.

At the first meeting on April 14 Dr. Charles McKee presented some interesting cases for discussion and Dr. William Ellery Briggs gave reminiscences on early ophthalmological work.

At the second meeting Dr. T. W. Kelsey discussed acute otitis media, from a classification viewpoint, and Dr. John W. Green reviewed acute mastoiditis.

The next regular meeting will be held at Hotel Clark, Stockton, on June 9. The following papers will be presented:

"Zinc Ionization Treatment of Chronic Suppurative Middle Ear," by Dr. C. A. Broadus.

"Nonsurgical and Dry Treatment of Chronic Suppurative Middle Ear with Iodin Powder," by Dr. H. L. Gregory.

"Fractures of the Face Involving the Nasal Accessory Sinuses, with Case Reports," by Dr. Dewey R. Powell.

The following are officers of this northern district group: Dr. William Ellery Briggs, chairman; Dr. George Spencer; Dr. J. Roy Jones, secretary.

**Clinical Tropical Medicine.**—A special course in clinical tropical medicine will be held at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, 25, Gordon Street, London, W. C. I., from October 5 to October 23, 1931.

On the mornings of Tuesday and Thursday of each week, from 10 to 12, students may occupy themselves with a study of the clinical cases in the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, and museum demonstrations will be given under the direction of the medical superintendent and the clinical assistant.

The following subjects will be studied: enteric fever, undulant fever, phlebotomus fever, dengue fever, yellow fever, beriberi, pellagra, amebic abscess, heatstroke, yaws, ulcerating granuloma, climatic bubo, filariasis, with differential diagnosis of the fevers.

The fee for the course is about \$41. Those who wish to enroll for the course should address the Secretary of the Fellowship of Medicine at No. 1, Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

**University of California Medical School, San Francisco.**—Changes in faculty, effective July 1, 1931:

#### CHANGE IN TITLE

W. S. Franklin, from clinical professor of ophthalmology to emeritus clinical professor of ophthalmology.

#### PROMOTIONS

E. H. Falconer, from associate clinical professor of medicine to clinical professor of medicine.

E. S. Kilgore, from associate clinical professor of medicine to clinical professor of medicine.

H. Lissner, from associate clinical professor of medicine to clinical professor of medicine.

E. W. Twitchell, from associate clinical professor of neurology to clinical professor of neuropsychiatry.

J. L. McCool, from associate clinical professor of ophthalmology to clinical professor of ophthalmology.

Mary E. Botsford, from associate clinical professor of anesthesia to clinical professor of anesthesia.

Miriam E. Simpson, from assistant professor of anatomy to associate professor of anatomy.

S. F. Cook, from assistant professor of physiology to associate professor of physiology.

D. M. Greenberg, from assistant professor of biochemistry to associate professor of biochemistry.

Rachel L. Ash, from assistant clinical professor of medicine and pediatrics to associate clinical professor of medicine and pediatrics.

H. Harris, from lecturer in medicine to associate clinical professor of medicine.

Eva C. Reid, from assistant clinical professor of psychiatry to associate clinical professor of psychiatry.

F. C. Cordes, from assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology to associate clinical professor of ophthalmology.

E. Ogden, from instructor in physiology to assistant professor of physiology.

I. L. Chaikoff, from instructor in physiology to assistant professor of physiology.

D. W. Bennett, from instructor in medicine to assistant professor of medicine.

O. W. Jones, from instructor in surgery to assistant professor of surgery.

Jessie L. Delprat, from instructor in medicine to assistant clinical professor of medicine.

M. H. Hirschfeld, from instructor in neuropsychiatry to assistant clinical professor of neuropsychiatry.

W. D. Horner, from instructor in ophthalmology to assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology.

T. J. Lennon, from assistant in medicine to instructor in medicine.

E. J. Munter, from assistant in medicine to instructor in medicine.

H. M. F. Behneman, from assistant in medicine to instructor in medicine.

A. G. Bartlett, from assistant in medicine to instructor in medicine.

A. E. Gauthier, from assistant in medicine to instructor in medicine.

Hilda M. Davis, from assistant in medicine and pediatrics to instructor in medicine and pediatrics.

H. G. Marquez, from assistant in tropical medicine to instructor in tropical medicine.

A. B. Chinn, from assistant in medicine to instructor in medicine.

F. H. Cunha, from voluntary assistant in medicine to instructor in medicine.

F. C. Nass, from assistant in neuropsychiatry to instructor in neuropsychiatry.

A. M. Vollmer, from assistant in obstetrics and gynecology to instructor in obstetrics and gynecology.

Kathleen J. Atkinson, from assistant in medicine to instructor in medicine.

#### NEW APPOINTMENTS

J. F. Rinehart, assistant professor of pathology.

M. L. Montgomery, assistant professor of surgery.

N. Van Patten, lecturer in medical bibliography.

A. H. Rowe, lecturer in medicine.

A. E. Larsen, instructor in medicine.

F. C. Bost, instructor in orthopedic surgery.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

R. L. Richards, lecturer in psychiatry, for the year 1931-32.

J. M. D. Olmsted, professor of physiology, from July 1, 1931 to December 31, 1931.

Esther Rosencrantz, associate professor of medicine, from July 1, 1931 to December 31, 1931.

Margaret Schulze, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology and pathology, from July 1, 1931 to December 31, 1931.

**Annual Meeting of Pacific Association of Railway Surgeons.**—The twenty-ninth annual meeting will be held in the Yosemite Valley, August 28-29. Headquarters, Hotel Ahwahnee. Ample accommodations will be afforded also at Camp Curry. A scientific and social program of particular attractiveness has been planned. Four or five chief surgeons of eastern railroads will be in attendance. The largest meeting in the history of the association is anticipated.

The Committee on Scientific Program consists of: Doctors Wallace I. Terry (Chairman), San Francisco; F. O. Butler, Eldridge; E. E. Hamer, Carson City; D. H. Moulton, Chico; and Philip Stephens, Los Angeles.

The Committee on Arrangements: Doctors A. M. Moody (chairman), San Francisco; R. L. Dresel, San Francisco; H. O. Hund, San Rafael; I. S. Ingber, San Francisco; Luther Michael, San Leandro; J. N. Osburn, Los Angeles; and L. E. Phillips, Palo Alto.

For further information, write to the association secretary, Dr. W. T. Cummins, Southern Pacific Hospital, San Francisco.

## MEDICAL ECONOMICS

### An Announcement to Members and to County Society Committees on Medical Economics

The Committee on Medical Economics of the California Medical Association was created for the purpose of investigating methods by which medical service, including hospitalization, is now being rendered to the people of California.

It was understood that the character of the service and the cost to those furnishing it and to those receiving it, where possible, be ascertained. The reasonable ability of the people to pay for medical service, naturally, is an important feature of the investigation.

There has been much written and many statements made on this subject that are without any factual foundation. There have been many interesting and sometimes fantastic systems proposed as a solution of all the difficulties in rendering adequate medical service to all people.

This committee gives sympathetic consideration to every suggestion made, but insists that assertions be backed by truth-proving facts. Of one thing the com-

mittee is firmly convinced and that is, that the problem of furnishing adequate medical care at a cost that people of moderate means can easily afford varies greatly in different communities within the borders of our own state. This being true the committee urges every county medical society to appoint a local committee to cooperate with the state committee and its subcommittees.

These local committees should investigate and report conditions in their own counties, send reports to the state committee and, above all things, they should refrain from approval of suggested plans until they have been subjected to analytical study and approval by the state society.

This column will be devoted to contributions on the subject, and while the state committee will carefully study every communication, the fact that it is printed here does not mean that the committee either approves or is responsible for it.

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### Los Angeles County Medical Association Contracts With the Metropolitan Water District

In the editorial column of this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, as one of the items under "Comment on This and That" are some remarks on a proposed contract or arrangement entered into between the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the medical and surgical care of the employees of the latter organization. (See page 52.)

This venture is so unusual that it seems desirable that the account of the proposed plan, as given in the *Bulletin* of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, should be here reprinted. It is as follows:

"The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, organized under the Metropolitan Water District Act for the purpose of building an aqueduct to bring water from the Colorado River to the coastal plains, includes eleven cities.

"Last February a representative of the district approached us with the request that the Los Angeles County Medical Association supply them with a minimum fee schedule on the basis of which our members would render service to their employees. They planned to collect from every employee a stated sum per month, to be expended for medical and hospital care for sickness and accidents not covered by the industrial compensation act, and decided to give each employee the privilege of selecting his own doctor from the members of the Los Angeles County Medical Association rather than making a contract with any one doctor or group. They stated that many of their employees would be people without means, who under ordinary circumstances would have to be taken care of by the municipal or county organizations or treated by the physician without remuneration. The average rate of pay for all employees of the district is estimated at \$150 per month.

"The Committee on Medical Economics recommended the proposition to the favorable consideration of the Council, which endorsed it in principle, and instructed the Fee Schedule Committee to prepare a schedule to meet the circumstances. After much discussion by the Council and the committees involved, a special committee was appointed to work out the final arrangements. The fee schedule for this work is as follows:

Office visit .....	\$ 3.00
Residence call .....	5.00
Mileage beyond two and one-half miles from the physician's office or home (one way) ..	1.25
Local hospital call .....	5.00
Telephone advice .....	1.50
History and physical examination .....	25.00
Written opinion .....	10.00 up
Consultation .....	25.00 up